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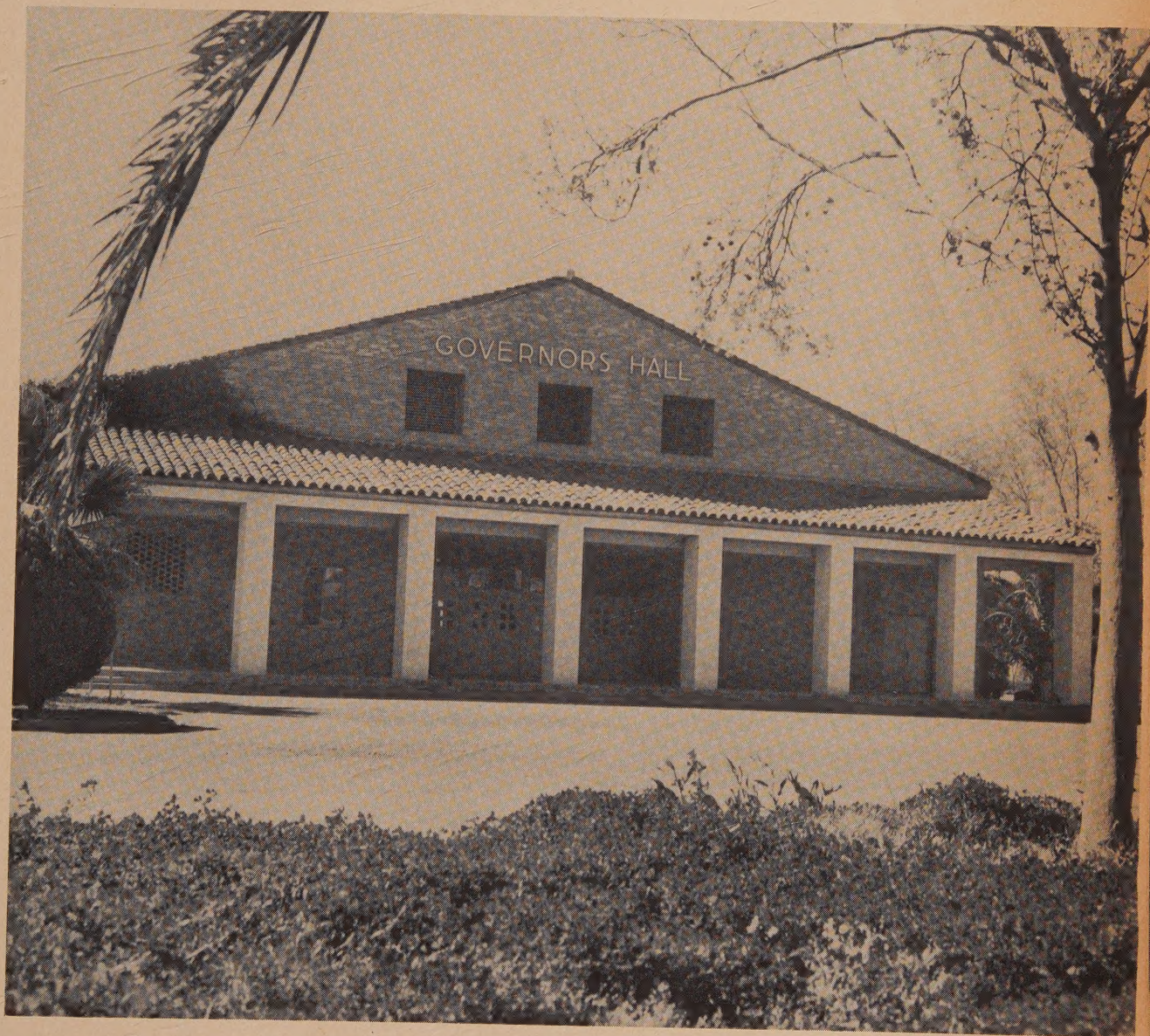
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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



Editorially Speaking

Bruce Barton once said:

Business checks up on itself frequently to be sure it is still headed for its original goals. Is there not need for a similar check-up on the part of the church?

We certainly can answer yes to this question. With the many influencing factors and man being what he is, it is conceivable that churches could lose sight of their basic purposes.

However, if we could wander in purpose it is logical to suppose we could be as far afield in our "check-up." Because of this it seems to me we must look even more dependently than ever to our Guide, the Holy Spirit. He leads us through every confusing maze of complex reasoning, over all doubts and brings our goals into clear focus — if we but let Him.

In a word, God has called us to two causes: 1) To become like Himself, and 2) To lead others to Him. In reading our Bibles these original goals are easily seen. We must never lose sight of them. They must be the heart-throb of our day by day activity and everything about the church that does not in some way add to these purposes should be turned away from.

On Feb. 26 the 44th Annual District Council Convention meets in Sacramento. Activity in church affairs is at its peak. But it is also time of sober thought concerning the direction in which the Holy Spirit wishes to lead this District.

Will you join with us in prayer asking God to keep foremost the true goals and purposes of His church?

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In case you were among those who wondered who the baby on last month's cover was, may I explain. She was Miss Denise Suzanne Johnson, born to the editor and his wife on Dec. 8. I thought it well to explain as we have had numerous letters and personal inquiries as to her identity.



DISTRICT REVIVALTIME REPORT

Joseph L. Gerhart, Representative

TOP FIVE GIVERS FOR NOVEMBER 1961

(Church and personal offerings)

Lodi, First A/G	\$114.00
Las Vegas, Trinity A/G	82.50
Crescent City, A/G	74.00
Santa Rosa, First A/G	70.00
Elko, Nevada, A/G	38.35

TOP FIVE GIVERS, Jan. - Nov., 1961

Lodi, First A/G	\$1,051.80
Las Vegas, Trinity A/G	775.50
Crescent City, A/G	725.40
Turlock, Bethel	688.00
Sparks, Nevada, A/G	332.00

Total given from our District in November - \$2,399.04

May God reward you for your offering to this worthy radio ministry. Let every church give during 1962! Send to Revivaltime, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri, stating your church name and address so that proper credit will be given.

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DURING the next few months, hundreds of young people from our Assemblies of God churches will be faced with what could well be one of the most important questions of their entire lives. They will need the prayers and careful counseling of parents, pastors and friends. The question—where shall I go to college? The answer—that will be our task—to give direction and counsel in such a way that these, our own young people, can best make their decisions—assured that their choices will be right.

To properly guide in this important area of decision will demand of all of us some prayerful evaluation of the educational system current in our land and particularly in our own great state. California with its “exploding” population has already developed an educational “empire” second to none in the United States. Whether to one of 11 branches of the mammoth University of California, to one of 15 separate State Colleges, or to one of a myriad number of city and junior colleges, our young people can virtually go to a tax-supported state institution within 75 miles of any point in the state, relatively tuition free. What a tremendous opportunity that could only be realized in a land “whose skies are full of sunshine and whose flag is full of stars.”

Here in this vast array of educational institutions, youth can study and prepare for almost any goal in life. Law, medicine, dentistry, engineering, teaching, agriculture, research—these are but a few of the directions into which they may go. The tragic fact is, however, that in all efforts being thus put forth to train the mind and shape the future, too little is accomplished in that area in which we as evangelical Christians are most interested—preparation for life and the pursuit of God.

At this point, therefore, we should recognize the great strides that are being made by our own Assemblies of God Bible colleges. Beginning in the late teens of the 20th century, such schools, often inadequately supported and sometimes inferiorly staffed, met a tremendous need for our movement in the training of its Christian workers. True, much of their work was less than academic. Transfer of credits was virtually unknown. But God used their products to evangelize a continent and a world for Christ. Over three quarters of our Assemblies of God missionaries now under appointment as well as thousands of our ministers received their training in these early schools.

Why Bible College ?

by

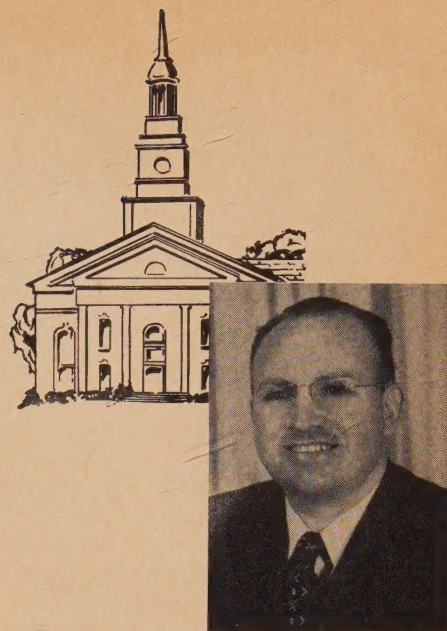
DR. C. C. BURNETT

PRESIDENT, BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

In the late '40's, however, a move began to upgrade our Bible schools into true Bible colleges. With the creation of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges our school administrators were faced with the necessity of enriching curricula content, engaging faculty personnel with both academic and spiritual qualifications, improving buildings and facilities—all in all generally uplifting the level of our schools until today the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, State Boards of Education, and numbers of colleges and universities across the land recognize the worth of their programs and are accepting more and more Bible students for transfer into related fields or for entrance into graduate schools.

This recognition gives the lie to criticism too oft heard that our Bible colleges are inferior in classroom content and technique, faculty and accreditation. The standards in these areas as outlined by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges are as high and sometimes higher than those observed by many of our regionally accredited liberal arts schools. Students transferring to other schools do comparable work in the second school to that done in Bible college. At almost every observation point the difference between the accomplishment of the Bible college student and the liberal arts student is negligible.

What is the main difference then? What argument—if any be needed—can we put forth to encourage and thus channel our Assemblies of God



youth into our own Pentecostal Bible colleges. There are many. Witness a few:

Both the liberal arts school and the Bible college are concerned with the personal development of the student. Both seek to broaden and deepen the educational foundation of the entering student by general educational subjects. The liberal arts college goes on from a foundation of general education in the humanities and science to prepare students by liberal arts majors (History, English, Philosophy) for many professions and vocations. The Bible college, on the other hand, places the Bible in the core of its curricula insisting that a proper knowledge of the Word of God is essential for the pursuit of any vocation and of life itself. Better than one third of the subject matter has to do with the pursuit of truth as it is found in the Bible.

Another great distinction is that of the place given to Christian service in the program of the school. In the Bible college, activity in Christian service is a required discipline of every student—not something that is done if there is time, as is so in many institutions. Experience in the broad area of Christian service—preaching, Sunday school teaching and administration, street meetings, jail services, direction of music, evangelism among the foreign speaking groups—is part of the daily life and routine of a Bible college. Here the student oft times finds opportunity to actively serve Christ in many ways that are not gen-

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On Nuclear Explosions

by

R. A. WILSON, JR.

PASTOR, WOODLAND

When will it come, this contaminating fallout from the Soviet nuclear super-bomb? What morning will we awake to the shrill warning of impending doom from devastating powers created by man, yet now beyond the control of man? These pertinent questions need some answers, but even the wisest of the wise might hedge a bit at giving a pat answer. However, it is time that we considered several things in relation to these questions.

First: Our moral obligation to provide protection of some type. This protection would have to be on a larger scale than ever before dreamed of. It must provide for the home. It must provide for the school. It must provide for the business district and as well, for the rural communities. The stock of provisions in these shelters would tax the imaginations of stewards of the largest sea-going vessels, that are accustomed to providing for hundreds of people for many days. In light of all of this it is understandable that some people honestly have the conviction that no amount of planning or building of shelters would be sufficient in the event of nuclear warfare.

Second: We need to look at the situation squarely as it is. Not hiding our heads in the sand, as the ostrich is reported to do so that he does not see the danger and therefore has no fear. The danger is here? The history of mankind will not comfort us to the point of believing that nations will live indefinitely without war. It has not happened in the past and we have no reason to believe it will happen in the future. The Christian hates war, he hates violence, bloodshed and death. He hates suffering and disablement. Yet the Christian must face facts. The

Bible predicts there will be "... Wars and rumors of wars."

Third: How do current events fit into Bible prophecy? The Bible states that in the "Last Days" "... The Heavens shall be shaken," Matthew 24:29. Saint Peter wrote by divine inspiration "... The Heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." The explosion of giant nuclear bombs at least partially fulfills this scripture.

Fourth: What provision can we make to be prepared for this inevitable holocaust? Saint Peter prefaced the above quotation by writing "... The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." The basic provision for these troublesome times is: Salvation from sin through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To be at "Peace with God" will bring into one's life "The Peace of God." The Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman Christians "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

The writer was recently reminded, "People do not want to think about the future." Apparently this is true. It is more comfortable to lethargically live day by day, ignoring the headlines, unconcerned about one's future or responsibilities to God and to humanity. It is with no surprise that we read in the Bible, "For when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them ..."

From the WOODLAND RECORD



Recently I received a letter from a complete stranger in Reno, Nevada. This person had picked up a crumpled tract of mine on the Post Office steps and was so interested in what part was readable that she asked for a clean one in order to finish what was written. From the letter I judged she was an unsaved person. This letter started a chain of reminiscences — thrilling memories of strange and peculiar ways people from all walks of life have been prompted to write for tracts down through the past 35 years. I have received letters from many states and foreign lands and the tracts which I have sent have in turn been distributed far and near.

An itinerant who read a tract that was pasted on a mission window in a slum district wrote requesting a supply. A captain in the Navy stationed in Florida did likewise. A prominent minister in the East also, and another on the West Coast. A back-

Credential Candidates

The following candidates for ministerial recognition and for change of status have been interviewed by the Credential Interviewing Committees. They are being recommended to the District Credentials Committee for approval and final ratification at the District Council. All newly approved credentials are effective March 15, 1962.

NEW CREDENTIALS CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Alpha E. Cox
Paul E. Flatt
E. R. Gadberry
George B. Griffin
Hubert L. Haynes
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Spotlighting The C. A. of The Month



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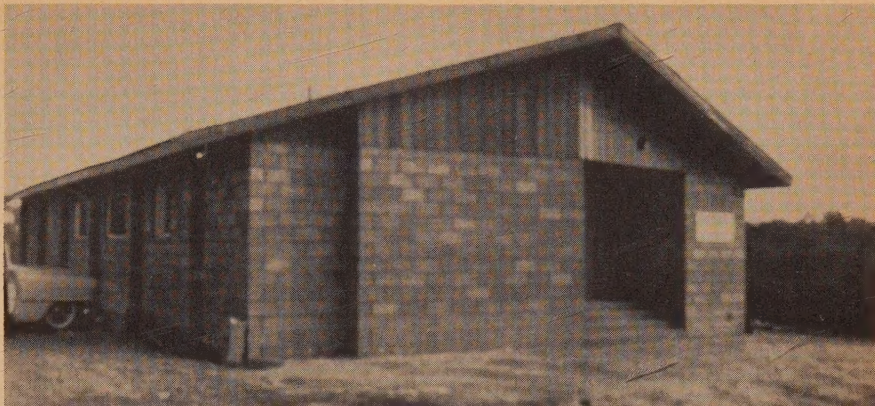
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- - 1962 DISTRICT CALENDAR - -

FEBRUARY

8 - 10 Youth Ministers' Conference
7 - 9 SS and CA Reps Seminar
8 - 10 SS Supts and Chr. Ed Dir Conference
9 - 11 CA Officers Conference
16 Executive Presbyters
25 District Day of Prayer for Convention
26 District C. A. Rally
27 District WMC Day
27 - March 2 District Council Convention

MARCH

16 Executive Presbyters
19 - 24 SS Child Evangelism Workshops
12 - April 23 Speed-the-Light Rallies

APRIL

17 - 18 Missionette Convention - Mission Springs
20 Executive Presbyters
22 Easter
29 District Day of Prayer - Finances of Dist. and BBC

MAY

4 - 6 College-Age Retreat
7 - 13 Church Beautification Week
18 Executive Presbyters

JUNE

10 Church Membership Emphasis Day
15 Executive Presbyters
17 District Day of Prayer - Campmeetings
18 - 23 Lake Tahoe C. A. Camp
19 - 20 Presbyters
25 - 30 Bass Lake C. A. Camp
29 - July 8 Mt. Lassen Campmeeting
29 - July 8 Bethany Park Campmeeting
28 Bethany Park Campmeeting Ass'n. meeting

JULY

4 Chaplain's Conference
7 - 15 Meeker Campmeeting
9 - 14 Bethany Park Boys and Girls Camp
9 - 14 Mt. Lassen C. A. Camp
16 - 21 Mt. Lassen Boys and Girls Camp
16 - 21 Bethany Park C. A. Camp
16 - 21 Meeker Boys and Girls Camp
20 Executive Presbyters
25 - Aug. 5 Redwood Campmeeting

AUGUST

6 - 10 Bass Lake Boys and Girls Camp
6 - 11 Redwood C. A. Camp
14 - 17 International C. A. Convention
17 Executive Presbyters
24, 25, 26 Men's Fellowship Retreat

SEPTEMBER

14 Executive Presbyters

OCTOBER

1 - 4 Planning Council
19 Executive Presbyters
22 - Nov. 3 Ministers Institutes
16 - 18 WMC Retreat - Mission Springs

NOVEMBER

16 Executive Presbyters
18 Tithing Emphasis Sunday
22 - 24 C. A. Convention
25 Day of Prayer - Finances, Dist and BBC

DECEMBER

14 Executive Presbyters
25 Merry Christmas

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

FEBRUARY

28 BBC Corporation Meeting

MAY

25 BBC Baccalaureate
26 BBC Commencement

SEPTEMBER

4 BBC Fall Semester Begins

GENERAL COUNCIL

APRIL

10 - 12 Regional SS Convention - Fresno

AUGUST

International C. A. Convention - Mexico City 14 - 17
General Presbyters & Committees - Springfield 27 - Sept. 1

NEIGHBORING DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

FEBRUARY 20 - 22 Oregon District - Salem
MARCH 6 - 9 Southern California District - San Bernardino

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS - April 10 - 12,
Annual Convention, Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado

PERSONAL MENTION

REV. DAN FLAMMING was suddenly "called home" in an automobile accident in the East. Funeral services were held in San Jose with L. R. Keys officiating.

EVANGELIST WM. F. KIRKPATRICK has been showing his Jerusalem pictures and speaking frequently. The Modesto area has kept him busy with about 20 calls.

BERNHARD JOHNSON, JR. writes: "The meetings held in the Lavres and Varhinha churches in the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil by Evangelist Jimmie Mayo, Jr. and wife were a spiritual awakening to our people. We were more than pleased with the results of these evangelists who spent several days in the interior of Brazil with us. Sinners came to the altar for salvation, the sick were healed and testified immediately.

PASTOR CORNISH JONES of Ukiah is back in church again after several months absense due to severe burns received Sept. 6. He wishes to use this media for thanking the many ministers and laymen who prayed so earnestly for his recovery and for the many cards and other expressions of kind remembrance and good wishes. He also wishes to publicly acknowledge those ministers who supplied the pulpit during this period of illness. They are: Brothers Albert Rowley, B. V. Finrock, Steve Asmuth, Melvin Johnson, Dave Colbert, Ralph M. Riggs, Raymond Murray, Dave Paco and Duane Snyder. The ministry of these brethren was greatly appreciated by the people of Ukiah Assembly.

BORN TO -

George and Marjorie Holland, Dec. 14, Traci Diane.

Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Millard, Dec. 21, Gregory Allen.

Don't Miss It!

C. A. Rally

Willard Cantelon To Speak In District

The 1962 District C. A. Rally, which precedes the annual District Council Convention, will feature the internationally-known evangelist Willard Cantelon. To be held on Monday, Feb. 26, in Governor's Hall, Sacramento, the rally will be filled with music, surprises, challenge and youthful enthusiasm. D-CAP Steve Asmuth and Capital Section C. A. man Ralph Hiatt will direct the 7:00 p. m. rally. Don't miss it!



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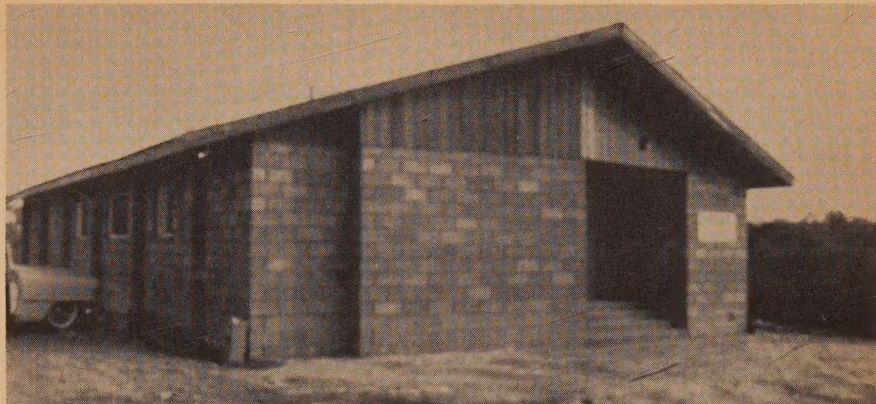
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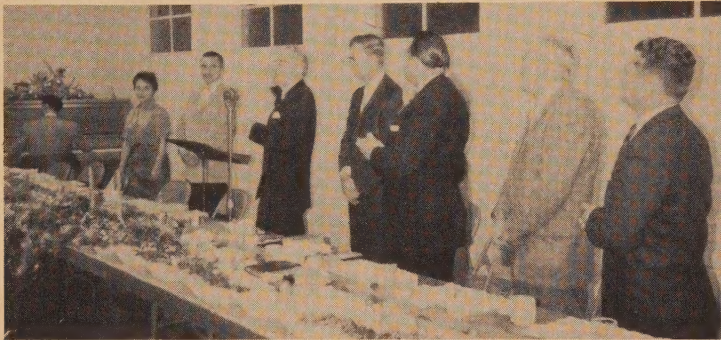
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M. F. In Butte Section Hear Pentecostal Testimonies of Four



One hundred and twenty-five men sat spellbound while Paul and Laura Carey, members of the Turlock Episcopal Church, and Bernie Boals, elder of the First Christian Church of Marysville, challenged and thrilled our hearts with their testimonies of how they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the changes that have taken place in their lives.

I am personally acquainted with Bernie because we are partners in our real estate company in Yuba City and I had the joy of dealing with him when he received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The reason I am certain he has received this wonderful gift is that it was evidenced by a heavenly language. But more important than that, he has become even more zealous in his witnessing of the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. "... by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7-18-23).

The reason our denominational brethren are receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is that they are searching for a closer walk with Christ and are seeking for more power with which to serve our Lord. And God is granting their sincere requests. Since this Men's Fellowship meeting Bernie and I have had the joy of seeing our other partner, Jerry Miller, receive this same glorious blessing. Jerry is a deacon in the Cooper Avenue Baptist Church of Yuba City. These are his words, "I could never see a reason

or feel a need in my personal life for receiving this extra blessing and I even doubted its existence, until I saw the change that took place in Bernie's life and then I realized it was for me."

We are seeing a fantastic revival in our area. The Presbyterian pastor of Live Oak and his entire board have received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and are witnessing many of the other gifts, such as interpretation, prophecy and healing. They are believing God for all that He has in store for them.

The Brethren preacher and her family have also received this great gift. There are also three other deacons in the First Christian Church in Marysville that have recently received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. God is truly pouring out His Spirit upon all of His people.

If you would like to hear the testimonies of Bernie and Jerry and thrill to Bernie's Spirit-filled ministry in song and see how God is using Jerry's tremendous artistic ability in chalk drawings you can write to me (Norman Hahn, 951 Live Oak Highway, Yuba City, California) and I will be happy to schedule a program for your Men's Fellowship group or church service. We will be happy to go to any group with our testimonies that you may be challenged anew to give Christ your all.

Norman Hahn
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James Stewarts Are At Home In Africa

James Stewart of South Africa who has been attending Bethany Bible College for the past two years departed for Africa on Dec. 12. Within 24 hours the Stewart family was home.

James had completed requirements for the four year course at Bethany and graduated with highest honors with a B.A., and as class speaker. He was a transfer student from a Bible school in Johannesburg headed by John Garlock. He also carried additional units at Cabrillo Junior College in Watsonville.

Only partially supported by a South African church, it was necessary to supplement their income and he worked for the school the two years he attended. In addition to this he had an active preaching ministry at missionary conventions, rallies, fellowship meetings and in the churches.

Nationals are not given appointment by our missions board to minister on their own field; however, the Stewarts were asked to raise money for the school at Witbank from which they will receive support as long as they are connected with this school. It was little short of miraculous that in a few months our churches and people made it possible for plans to be made in getting the Stewarts back in the field about Jan. 1.

James was saved through the ministry of Missionary Vernon Pettenger in Brakpan. There he met Beryl, later to become his wife, who had attended Mt. Tabor Bible School and was an active worker in the church. Later she too attended the school in Johannesburg. After some ministry in South Africa James taught three years in Witbank where they met the Lewis Wilsons and confided a dream of further study in the States. The next June the Stewarts left Witbank and in August arrived in Santa Cruz.

He was active in the foreign missions program of the school and served both as vice-president and president of the Student Missionary Society.

Beryl Stewart traveled with her husband when it was possible as well caring for little James, Vernon and Heather. Mark was born on election day last fall.

It is with regret Northern California bids the Stewarts goodbye. The impact of their lives and ministry will not be forgotten. Remember them in prayer and be faithful to the support you have pledged.

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erally compatible with the usual liberal arts program—even that of the Christian liberal arts school.

A further reason for attending a Bible college is evident. Because of the essentiality of the Christian life to Christian service, the Bible college stresses the culture of the spiritual life—faith, prayer, the endowment of the Spirit, self-denial, dedication. These are not extra-curricular, but form part of the regular "study" material of the school. Here in an atmosphere conducive to spiritual decisions, the student often finds a direction for life hitherto hidden to him.

We do not argue with the educational opportunities offered by our tax-supported institutions or by our Christian liberal arts schools. We do believe that our Bible colleges offer a quality education coupled with an intense spiritual emphasis that will do our Assemblies of God youth "good." At Santa Cruz where our slogan is "It's Bethany for Bible!", we are offering training for the full-time Christian worker which we feel will be adequate to meet the demands of our constituency and of the day. For the young person who does not necessarily feel the call of God into such service, but rather would choose a secular career there is a biblical background and a rich Pentecostal atmosphere that will undergird and influence for a long time to come his decisions, vocations and life.

MISSIONARIES AT HOME

PAUL AND HELEN BRUTON wrote a letter Jan. 13 (then on the field) stating he had suffered two heart attacks and after six weeks of illness he returned home. James Bellmore is to take over the station.

LOWELL AND VIRLA DOWDY itinerated in the Redwood section in January.

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News from Our Churches —

CAMPBELL —

Pastor Herbert Johnson reports a good revival with Evangelist Ernie Rogers. There was good interest and several were baptised in the Holy Spirit. The evangelist's conscientious ministry around the altar was appreciated.

CARMICHAEL —

First Assembly was host to the annual Teachers Training Course held Jan. 15 to 19. Pastor George Elrod of Capitol Assembly was the instructor using the book "The Teacher in Action." North Highlands and the Country Centre Churches also participated. L. W. Suter is pastor.

CUPERTINO —

Evangelist Walt Boring held a revival for Pastor H. Russell Baker early in January.

FORT SEWARD —

Pastor H. E. Silvius reports souls saved and others filled with the Spirit this past year. He welcomes any of our fellowship to join them in a service. The mid-week services are held Tuesdays and Fridays.

HAYWARD —

South Hayward Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Krupnick in November. Nine came forward for salvation and one received the Holy Spirit. Victor Johnson is pastor.

HOLLISTER —

Guest speakers for Pastor Pike Robinson include watch night speaker Pastor Ray Oliver and Missionary Louis Richards of Korea. Home Missionary and Mrs. John Mills were special guests at the annual Christmas program December 15.

MARTINEZ —

Pastor J. W. Sandlin taught a Teacher Training Course Feb. 5 to 9 for Pastor Maurice Caudill of Winnemucca, Nevada.

MODESTO —

Central Assembly hosted the Central San Joaquin Section Teachers Training Course held Jan. 22 to 26. Speakers included Paul Trulin, Dave Colbert, Elmer Bueno, Maxine Mitchell and Ruth Logan.

MODESTO —

Bethel Church entertained the Cen-

tral San Joaquin Section Conference Jan. 8. Speakers were Paul Pipkin, Pastor Leonard Rogers and Robert Fierro. L. W. Lewis is pastor.

MORGAN HILL —

Evangelist Claude Wood held a two week revival for Pastor Douglas Fairington in January.

MT. SHASTA

A joint watch night service was held with the Glad Tidings Assembly of Weed and the Assembly of God of Dunsmuir. Music was provided by each church and the message were given by the three pastors, Donald Trimmer, John Duncan and Harold Casper. A candlelight communion service was held from 11:00 to 12:15. The church was nearly filled and a consciousness of the Holy Spirit prevailed through the entire evening.

PACIFIC GROVE —

First Assembly was host to the C.A. Rally Jan. 8 with John McPherson speaker. Pastor George Davis of Rich-

land, Wash., was guest speaker Dec. 27. Brother Davis is the father of Pastor Dennis Davis of Pacific Grove.

PITTSBURG —

Bella Vista Assembly enjoyed the Contra Costa Fellowship Meeting and C.A. Rally Dec. 18. Pastor T. V. Carlton of Rodeo brought the afternoon message and Pastor Bueno of Livermore spoke at the evening service. W. L. Farmer is pastor.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethany Church Pastor Dwight Burchett writes that God is blessing. They moved into their new building Dec. 24. In a water baptismal service recently several teenagers were baptized. John and Mildred Green were recent guest speakers.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple held a Sunday School Workers Training Course Jan. 15 to 19 with Fred Greve of Bethany Bible College at teacher. The text book was "Into the Highways and Hedges." Cyld Henson is pastor.

SALINAS —

Alisal Assembly hosted the Coast Counties Fellowship Meeting Jan. 1 with speakers John McPherson and Leland R. Keys. Joe Wright is pastor.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple held a Teacher Training Course Jan. 15 to 19 under

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MISSIONARIES ABROAD

CHINA —

James Vigna writes the school in Taiwan began in October with an enrollment of 30. Prayer, support and letters are deeply appreciated. Sister Vigna was forced to remain in the States because of the illness of their daughter Miriam. She is living in San Jose.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Ruth Couchman, Argentina, is due home in March for furlough.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Leland and Shirley Good, Bolivia, report progress there. Tent campaigns in several towns were greatly aided by Speed-the-Light equipment. A trip inland of over 1,200 miles proved the value of the Volkswagen. Works are scattered and the roads very poor but progress is being made. A district conference for Bible school workers was attended in January.

WEST AFRICA —

Harold and Naomi Lehmann, Ghana, conducted three sectional ministers institutes since school closed in November. Not less than 18 attended

each one and some were unable to attend. They greatly miss Gretchen but are happy to have her attending Bethany Bible College and feel that she is in God's will.

INDIA —

John Wright and family are expected home July 1st.

FORMOSA —

James and Marjorie Baker have seen continued growth in the work. Recently, an 83-year-old grandmother who was a Buddhist was saved. She is the mother of a heart specialist whose daughter was converted and in turn won her own mother and a friend who was used to bring in the grandmother. She asked for baptism and they met at her home to burn idols and ancestral tablets. While visiting the hospital a young woman was reached who was desperately ill. Within a week she was healed, returned home and the husband wrote that they were planning to be baptized as soon as possible. Bible and flannelgraph and picture rolls are needed. Also small pictures to be used as awards.

the leadership of William E. Pickthorn of the Christian Center in Palo Alto. T. Kermit Jeffrey is pastor.

SAN JOSE —

Construction is proceeding on the new Bethel Church sanctuary. When completed it will seat 1,250 persons—750 on the main floor and 500 in the balcony. It will contain Sunday school space in addition to what they already have, a small chapel, offices and an all-purpose room. Provisions are also being made for radio and television studios. Pastor Leland R. Keys and the congregation are eagerly awaiting its completion.

SANTA CLARA —

Neighborhood Assembly had a personal visit from Hal Herman one Sunday morning recently and he gave a report on the crusade in Rome, Italy, as well as on Berlin where he recently visited. Robert Fierro was a guest speaker in October. Evangelist Claude Wood held a meeting for Pastor Ed. Gomes. One received the Holy Spirit and others sought salvation.

SANTA ROSA —

First Assembly enjoyed the refresh-

ing ministry of Evangelist Carloyn Lindblad during three weeks of revival. Ten were saved or reclaimed and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Perhaps of equal import was the moving of the Holy Spirit on all the people. This accounts for the rich spiritual overtones that continued to permeate the holiday activities. District Superintendent and Mrs. Gerhart were guest speakers Jan. 7 and Assistant Superintendent R. A. Wilson spoke Jan. 14. The Sectional Fellowship meeting held Jan. 15 heard Chaplain James Wood and R. A. Wilson.

SUNNYVALE —

First Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Ernest Rogers in January. Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner contributed to the watch night Service in music and message. Ralph Hillegas is pastor.

TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple heard Ralph M. Riggs Dec. 31. Missionary Lowell Dowdy of Chile was guest speaker in December and Zelma Argue held a week of prayer Jan. 7 to 12. Robert Carrington is pastor.

VALLEJO —

First Assembly—The Sectional W. M.C. Christmas party was held at First Assembly for Lake Berryessa Dec. 18 for the Al Elgins and a group from their Indian congregation. L. H. Bottroff is pastor.

VALLEJO —

North Vallejo Assembly has enjoyed a constant growth during 1961 with 24 saved, 15 baptized in water and two in the Holy Ghost. The spiritual tide continues to rise. The Assembly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists Carolyn Lindblad, the James Buttrams and Tom Myers. Visiting missionaries have been Antonette Johnson and her family, the Maurice Lucas, Lowell Dowdy and Glen McCollisters. Virgil T. Eldridge is pastor.

WATSONVILLE —

The Men's Fellowship of Full Gospel Church of Pauaro heard Pastor Don Bogue of Gilroy on Dec. 18.

WILLITS —

Pastor E. Byram reports a revival with Evangelist Leonard Miller. A number were saved and several received the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School showed a real gain and the attendance was very good. The Byrams are now in the new parsonage which has three bedrooms, two baths and built-in kitchen. All labor was donated except a day of plumbing. It is almost entirely free of debt. The Covelo Church gave a cantata under the direction of David Woodbridge during the Christmas season.

ELKO, NEV.



The basement section of the Elko church is completed and being used for services. The church has been using the V. F. W. Hall. Harold Smith is pastor.

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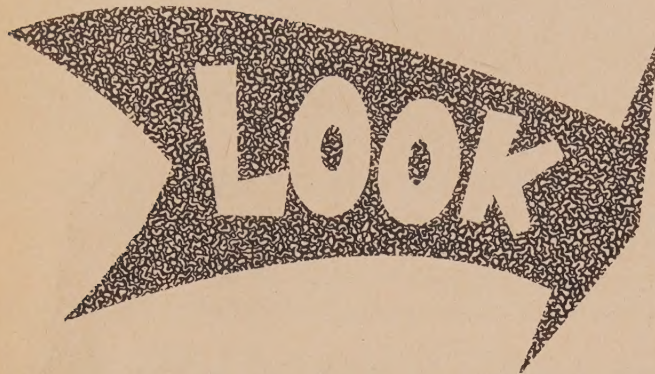
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